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1. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED APRIL 11 AT THE END OF  
TANZANIAN VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE'S 10-DAY VISIT TO INDIA  
INCLUDES TWO RELATIVELY BRIEF PASSAGES REFERRING TO THE  
SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ON NAMIBIA, THE COMMUNIQUE  
SAYS THAT BOTH SIDES "REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE  
HEROIC PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SWAPO IN  
THEIR VALIANT STRUGGLE FOR PUTTING AN END TO THE ILLEGAL  
OCCUPATION BY THE RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA. THEY  
NOTED THE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE FIVE POWER CONTACT  
GROUP TO BRING ABOUT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FOR A  
PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE  
OF NAMIBIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF  
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THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO  
THE FULL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF  
NAMIBIA." REGARDING ZIMBABWE, INDIA AND TANZANIA  
CONDEMNED THE "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT", EXPRESSED FULL  
SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND THE PATRIOTIC  
FIGHT, CALLED ON THE US AND THE UK TO REITERATE THEIR  
COMMITMENT TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND CONVENE

IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME A CONFERENCE TO FOLLOW UP THE MALTA TALKS, CONDEMNED THE "INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE AND HOSTILE" ACTIONS BY THE SMITH REGIME AGAINST NEIGHBORING AFRICAN STATES, AND CALLED FOR TIGHTER AND WIDER UN SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA.

2. IN A CALL BY TWO EMBOFFS ON MEA JOINT SECRETARY FOR AFRICA BHARGAVA APRIL 12, HE PROVIDED SOME LIMITED FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE INDO-TANZANIAN DISCUSSIONS. NAMIBIA. BHARGAVA FOUND THE TANZANIANS UNWILLING TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE WESTERN PROPOSALS PRIOR TO DISCUSSING THEM WITH OTHER CONCERNED AFRICAN STATES, HENCE THE GENERAL TERMS IN WHICH NAMIBIA WAS MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE. THE CLAIMED THERE WERE NO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS HERE OF THE WESTERN PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, HE VENTURED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT TANZANIA AGREED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE, WHO HAD SAID THAT IF THE CONDITIONS FOR NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE WERE "REASONABLE AND HONORABLE", SWAPO SHOULD NOT LET SLIP THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. THE DECISION, HOWEVER, RESTS WITH SWAPO. BHARGAVA SAID THAT VAJPAYEE'S RESPONSE TO SECRETARY VANCE'S LETTER OF APRIL 3 ON NAMIBIA HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED OVER THE WEEKEND TO THE INDIA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR DELIVERY. HE REMARKED IN PASSING ON THE "NEGATIVE" SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD WESTERN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA. CONFIDENTIAL

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ZIMBABWE. BHARGAVA SAID TANZANIA WANTS AN "UNEQUIVOCAL INDICATION" FROM THE US AND THE UK THAT THEY REMAIN COMMITTED TO THEIR SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. THE GOI THINKS THAT TALKS INVOLVING ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, AS ENVISIONED BY THE US, SHOULD INCLUDE THE FRONTLINE GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS SMITH AND THE VARIOUS NATIONALIST LEADERS. THE GOI ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE TALKS SHOULD PICK UP WHERE THE MALTA TALKS LEFT OFF, AND NOT MERELY "TINKER" WITH THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT.

3. BHARGAVA ALSO COMMENTED ON THE RECENT VISIT OF SWAPO LEADER SAM NUJOMA TO INDIA, SUPPLEMENTING THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN REFTTEL. ONE OF THE REASONS NUJOMA WANTS SOUTH AFRICA OUT OF WALVIS BAY, BHARGAVA SAID, IS BECAUSE JETS BASED THERE "CAN BOMB WINDHOEK". HE THOUGHT NUJOMA WOULD DEMAND AT THE VERY LEAST A DECLARATION BY THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP TO THE EFFECT THAT WALVIS BAY IS PART OF NAMIBIA. BHARGAVA KNEW THAT THE US WAS PREPARED TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH SUCH A DECLARATION, BUT HE WONDERED WHETHER THE OTHER CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS WERE, TOO. NUJOMA WANTS SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS CONFINED TO SOUTHERN NAMIBIA BECAUSE HE FEARS

COLLUSION BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND ANGOLA'S UCBTA  
GUERILLAS TO PRESSURE SWAPO BASES OUTSIDE NAMIBIA. IF  
HE CAN'T GET WHAT HE WANTS FROM THE WESTERN PROPOSALS,  
NUJOMA IS THINKIN ABOUT SEEK A UN "UNITING FOR PEACE"  
RESOLUTION AIMED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. INDIA DOES NOT  
THINK SUCH AN APPROACH ADVISABLE, AND, IN ANY EVENT,  
THOUGH THE GOI MIGHT AGREE TO SANCTIONS, IT WOULD NOT  
AGREE TO ARMED INTERVENTION.  
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